



By the King and Queen,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Declaring Their Majesties Pleasure for continuing the Seamen belonging to Their First, Second and Third Rate Ships in Their Service during this Winter, and for Payment of their Wages before the Fleet shall set Sail for the next Summers Expedition.

M A R I E R.



Whereas We have thought it necessary for Our Service, and the good of Our Kingdoms, That the Seamen belonging to Our First, Second and Third Rate Ships, should be continued in Our Service and Pay, that Our Fleet may be in Readiness early the next Year: To the end therefore that none of Our Seamen may pretend Ignorance of Our Royal Pleasure herein, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and to Declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure to be, and We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such of the Seamen and others, belonging to any of Our First, Second or Third Rate Ships coming in to be Refitted for the next Years Service, which are not intended to be kept abroad in the Winter, who shall remain on Board the respective Ships to which they belong, after their coming in to be Refitted, shall be continued in Wages and Victuals, as fully as if they were in Our Service at Sea; And that such of them as shall happen to be absent from their Respective Ships after they are come in and unrigged, and shall return on Board their said Ships, at or before the first Day of January next, and from thence remain and abide on Board the said Ships in Our Service, shall have Wages for the time of such their Absence, and from the time of such their Return shall be received into Victuals also; And that such of them as shall happen to be absent as aforesaid, and shall not return to their Ships by or before the said first Day of January next, and yet shall return on Board the respective Ships to which they belong, at or before the Twentieth Day of February next, and shall then remain and abide on Board their said Ships in Our Service, shall lose their Wages for the time of such their Absence only, and from the time of such their return, shall be received into Wages and Victuals; And that such of them as shall not return to Our Service on Board the said Ships to which they belong, by or before the said Twentieth Day of February next, shall irrecoverably lose their Wages for all the time of their Service, and suffer such Punishment as may be inflicted on them according to the utmost Rigour of Law. And We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That Our Seamen who shall continue in Our Service on Board the said Ships, and such of them as shall happen to be Absent, as aforesaid, and yet return into Our Service on Board their respective Ships by the respective times aforesaid, according to Our Royal Pleasure signified in this Our Proclamation, shall be paid their Wages to Michaelmas, One thousand six hundred ninety and three, before Our Fleet shall set Sail for the next Summers Expedition.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Twelfth Day of September, 1693. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.

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